

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

LESSON 7b

In the past couple of lessons, we have covered the birth of Jesus, the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah, His temptation, His ministry of miracles, and His unparalleled teaching. Yet, it is important to note that Jesus did not simply come to fulfill prophecy, perform miracles, or teach powerful principles. His mission was declared plainly at the announcement of His birth.

Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Paul declared that *saving mankind from sin* was the principle mission of Jesus Christ. (See 1 Timothy 1:15)

John also declared His mission plainly:

1 John 3:5 (NKJV)

5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

After a public ministry that lasted about three years, Jesus informed His disciples that it was time for His purpose to be fulfilled. (See Matthew 26:1-5)

Jesus came to be our _____. He came to _____ us from our sins.

I. THE ROAD TO CALVARY:

- a. The Triumphant Entry: He is declared to be the King and the heir to the throne of David. (Read Matthew 21:6-11)
 - i. They cried; "_____ to the Son of David..."

- b. The Last Supper: (Read Matthew 26:26-29)
 - i. Jesus repurposed the _____ meal. He revealed to the disciples this ancient ceremony was about to be fulfilled in His death, burial, and resurrection.
 - ii. The wine represented _____ that would be shed for the remission of sins.
 - iii. The bread represented _____ that would be bruised and broken for our iniquity.
 - iv. We commemorate this event in the observance of Christian _____.

- c. The Garden of _____: (Read Matthew 26:36-39)
 - i. Jesus surrendered His human will to the eternal will of God.
 - ii. The cup He spoke of was the cup of God's _____.

- d. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver and identified Him for the High priest's men with a kiss. (Matthew 26:46)

- e. Jesus is put on trial before the High Priest for blasphemy. (Read Mathew 26:57-69)
 - i. They could not find a reason to accuse Him (Matthew 26:59-61)
 - ii. The high priest declared Jesus guilty of a trumped up charge.
 - iii. The people cried out that He was guilty and worthy of death.
 - iv. The _____ on him, _____ him, and _____ him.
 - v. Jesus is led from Caiaphas to Pilate (John 18:28-40; 19:1-15)
 - 1. Pilate gives the Jews a choice between Jesus and Barabbas, a thief.
 - 2. They chose the latter.
 - vi. Pilate has Jesus _____ with a cat o' nine tails – 39 stripes. (Read Isaiah 53:1-5)
 - vii. By His stripes we are _____.

II. CHRIST DIED FOR US: (Read Matthew 27:35-40 & 45-50)

- a. Jesus took _____ on the cross: (See also Isaiah 53:6-7)

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- b. Jesus died for _____:

Romans 5:8-9 (NKJV)

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

- c. His _____ redeems us from our sin: (See 1 Peter 1:18-19)

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NKJV)

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

The blood flowed from His pierced hands and feet, the crown of thorns and the wound in His side.

III. CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD:

- a. Proof of the Resurrection:
 - i. The _____ tomb.
 - ii. Jesus _____ His resurrection. (See Matthew 12:38-40 & Matthew 26:63)
 - iii. Jesus appeared to His _____. (See Matthew 28:16-20)
 - iv. Seen for _____. (See Acts 1:3)
 - v. Seen by _____ at one time. (See 1 Corinthians 15:4-7)
- b. The implication of the Resurrection:
 - i. It proves that Jesus was _____ and that death could not hold him. (See Acts 2:24)
 - ii. That _____ will empower us both now and in the resurrection. (See Romans 8:11)